war conditions. The Cabinet Salaries Committees examined the question of travelling allowance of Government servants and came to the conclusion that the existing conditions need no improvement.''

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Whatever may be the considerations that govern the travelling allowance of other officers, since the peons are already getting a very small travelling allowance when they go out on duty, will the Hon. the Premier consider the question of raising the travelling allowance of peons? "

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" It will be considered, Sir."

Labour dispute in Messrs. Parry & Co., at Ranipet.

* 106 Q.—SRI P. R. K. SARMA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether an adjudicator has been appointed under rule 81-A of the Defence of India Rules into the labour dispute in the factories of Messrs. Parry & Co., at Ranipet;

(b) what the dispute is and what the issues referred for adjudication are;

(c) whether it is a fact that Mr. Lobo, the District Judge of North Arcot has been appointed by the Government as the adjudicator in the dispute under rule 81-A of the Defence of India Rules,

(d) whether it is a fact that the Ranipet Labour Union has complained to the Government that the District Judge has taken the matter as an original petition before the District Court of North Arcot with the Ranipet Labour Union as the plaintiff and Messrs. Parry & Co., Ltd., as the respondent, and is proceeding with the case as such instead of dealing with it as adjudicator appointed under rule 81-A of the Defence of India Rules;

(e) whether any representation has been made by the Ranipet Labour Union to the Government pointing out the difficulties in the presentation of their case by the attitude of the District Judge in dealing with the matter as an original petition before the District Court instead of as a trade dispute referred to him for adjudication; and

(f) what the Government have done or propose to do in the matter?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The dispute is about the wages of the workers.

The following issues have been referred for adjudication :—

(1) The minimum number of jars which a potter may be required to manufacture in a working day of eight hours;

(2) The piece rates of wages for the production of the minimum number of jars.

" (c) Yes, Sir.

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" (*d*) & (*e*) Yes, Sir. A letter was received from the hon. member in his capacity as the Honorary President of the Ranipet Labour Union. It is not clear what the 'difficulties and complications' are owing to the Adjudicator treating it as an original petition.

" (*f*) The Government have taken no action as they do not consider it desirable to interfere with the discretion of the Court."

Land tax in the deltaic districts of Kistna and Godavari.

* 107 Q.—SRI K. NATARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in the deltaic districts of Kistna and Godavari, in the matter of calculation of assessment, land tax is levied on land irrespective of the number of crops raised in the fasli year and when the land is irrigated, water tax is levied at a certain rate per acre, for the first irrigated crop at 50 per cent of that rate, for the next irrigated crop in the same fasli successive irrigation, if any, in the same fasli year being treated similarly ;

(*b*) whether in all such cases land tax as such is levied only once ;

(*c*) whether on the other hand in the district of Tanjore the assessment is worked out at a consolidated rate for wet land based on outturn, the figure being made up of both the land tax and the water tax ;

(*d*) whether on the areas covered by the Cauvery-Mettur Project the principle adopted is the addition of water tax to land tax as in other districts ;

(*e*) whether in the area covered by the Cauvery-Mettur Project when the land is irrigated for a second crop 50 per cent of the water tax alone is levied ;

(*f*) whether, however, in the old Delta area in Tanjore district, the rate for the second irrigated crop is worked out not at 50 per cent of the water tax alone but 50 per cent of the consolidated wet rate including land tax also ;

(*g*) whether this imposition of the land tax once again has been objected to by the ryots ; and

(*h*) whether in view of the hardship to the ryots concerned, there is any proposal to order the assessment for the successive irrigated crop only at 50 per cent of the water tax alone, and whether orders will be issued that the kist be collected only on those for 1947 onwards.

THE HON. SRI K. R. KARANTH :—" (*a*) to (*h*) The [a]information asked for by the hon. member is laid on the table of the House."

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 417–418 infra.